

# Needham Youth Services

## Board of Director Meeting Notes

December 11, 2013

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 11/13/2013; December Department Report; "A Conversation...." Evaluation Compilation 10.29.2013; Internship Evaluation Compilation 10.23.2013; QPR Evaluation Compilation 11.19.2013; Patrick Forde Award flyer/invitation; VIP Program Mentor Training Manual; Winter 2014 brochure.

- **Accepted Minutes of 11/13/2013**

- **Community Focus Discussion**

Discussed a range of topics including Project Moves, possible advocacy for the Needham Community Center and/or the bike path project, the flag atop NHS, and mindfulness training offered at NHS.

- **FY 2015 Budget**

Discussed FY request; specifically the need and request for an additional 15 hours of a clinical person. Next step in the process is a meeting with the full Finance Committee on 12/16.

- **Program Focus**

VIP was discussed. Photos and Big VIP feedback were distributed. Board members who are also program participants shared their experiences with the program.

- **Programs and Services Updates**

- Update on Forde Award; 2014 nominee is Steve Blomberg; award ceremony to be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Needham Public Library.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens Update; next program in February.
- Babysitter Trainings: Final training for year ends next week.
- Middle School Parenting Conference was very successful.
- Distributed Winter Brochure.
- Working on a committee to implement High School Parenting Conference on 1/25.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program; discussion group pending
- Continue to attend monthly Domestic Violence Action Committee meetings.
- Update on Youth Resource Network; discussed parent mentor program (in early development).
- Update on MASD, planning meetings start this week.
- Update on school-based groups.
- Clinic Intern Update: things going well. Will be starting the interview process for 2014/2015 in February.

- **New/Old Business:**

- Sibshops program was discussed.
- Possible group for children of separated/divorced parents; possible mentor type program.

- **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2014 in the Highland Meeting Room (Needham Town Hall).

- **Adjourn**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Justin Jones, Kevin Keane, Regina Longley, Susan Patkin, Vin Springer
Staff Present:	Katy Colthart, Michelle Butman
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